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### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

1. **(Previously Presented)** A method of testing at least a first cork stopper and a second cork stopper for the presence of an analyte that causes cork taint in wine, comprising the steps of:
  - a) moving the first cork stopper to a first position;
  - b) moving a first sensor to a second position proximate said first position, said first sensor being operatively configured to detect the presence of the analyte;
  - c) determining via said first sensor whether the analyte is present in/on the first cork stopper;
  - d) moving the first cork stopper out of said first position;
  - e) moving said first sensor out of said second position;
  - f) moving a second cork stopper into said first position;
  - g) moving a second sensor to said second position, said second sensor operatively configured to detect the presence of the analyte; and
  - h) determined via said second sensor whether the analyte is present in/on the second cork stopper.
2. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of providing a plurality of batches of cork stoppers and testing each and every cork stopper in said plurality of batches in the manner of steps a)-h).
3. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein the analyte comprises TCA.
4. **(Previously Presented)** A method according to claim 1, wherein each of said first and second sensors is an electronic nose operatively configured to sense TCA.
5. **(Original)** A method according to claim 4, wherein step c includes moving a fluid from the first item to the first sensor.